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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sheri Ann Porrata, I have been out of work since November 17, 2008; I have send out anywhere between 50 – 100 resume per week. I am still out of work. What does that mean? I do whatever I need to do to find work; THERE IS NO WORK. I did not do this; YOU DID.

I support myself with no other means of support/income; I rely on my Unemployment Benefits which still does not even pay my monthly rent, bills etc., and let alone allow me to put food on my table. God forbid. I was told from FOOD STAMPS AND MEDICAID that I make too much money from Unemployment: \$1600.00 per month, when my rent is \$1,200, bills still need to be paid, etc., what is left at the end of the month - ZERO! I was denied, I had to fight to get Food Stamps, THAT my so called CONGRESS is how things are REALLY RUN. Why don't you go down to the local welfare, employment offices and look around.

This is a disgrace that the government does not recognize the "Long Term Unemployment"; you caused this catastrophe and reduced us to POVERTY. Do you really understand HOW bad this situation is? Or are you ignoring us; I think the latter is the best answer.

I can no longer support, live or feed myself; I find myself going to the food bank, it is very degrading. I have been working for 23 years, and I have NOTHING to show for it.

I follow each Congress hearing and I find it a disgrace that NOTHING is ever accomplished; nobody can agree on anything anymore, and you just brushed "Long Term Unemployment", under the table, on the back burner; or you just decide to close down early for the weekend. YOU try walking in OUR shoes for one month and then let ME know how YOU feel.

You have reduced me to poverty from a 65K job for the past 20 years. I am 1 step from living on the STREETS because of THE GOVERNMENT. You must remember YOU work for US, NOW WE WANT OUR BENEFITS TO CONTINUE UNTIL EACH AND EVERYONE HAS A JOB WHERE WE CAN SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES. ALLOW A TIER V FOR US WHO NEED IT NOW AND NOT TOMORROW because you can't makes up your minds.....

Thumbs up for a **JOB NOT DONE AT ALL...**

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